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Subject: Follow-up re: Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment IQA Request for Correction

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Hi David,

Attached is the IQA request we mentioned last week at reg review. We checked in with Tracy, OGC's IQA expert, and she confirmed that there aren't any IQA regulations. OMB published guidance that the agency used to develop its guidelines. The guidelines provide a 90-day timeframe to respond to a request for correction (RFC).

Here is the process Tracy outlined in her email to me and Carrie:

The quality staff will convene a scoping meeting to discuss the RFC. The scoping team consists of the information owners (the office that disseminated the assessment), OGC and the quality staffer managing the RFC. We meet to review the RFC to determine whether there is any substance to the claims made. The info owners do a detailed evaluation of the RFC and prepare a response that will either: 1) reject the request because the information dissemination complies with the IQA; 2) recognize the validity of the claims made and either withdraw the information or make changes to the info or 3) accepting some but not all of the claims and taking the appropriate actions to remedy. The draft response is then sent to OMB for review and approval before it is sent to the requestor. If the requestor is not satisfied with the response, he can submit a request for reconsideration (RFR) within 90 days of the response.

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